(iv) Obtaining the services of international experts wherever considered necessary.

(v) Maintenance of reservoir health through workover operations, pressure maintenance methods.

(vi) Encouraging the participation of private/joint venture companies in the oil exploration and development programmes.

(vii) 3D seismic surveys of the oil fields for better reservoir delineation.

(viii) Application and optimisation of artificial lift operations.

(ix) Stimulation of wells.

Funds for Housing Projects

135. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared any long term plan for housing projects in the country;

(b) if so, the number of units likely to be set up during 1996-2001 and the funds required for it; and

(c) the total amount spent to complete the projects in housing sector during 1990-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The National Housing Policy approved by Parliament in August, 1994, has as a basic objective assistance to all people, and in particular the houseless, the inadequately housed and the vulnerable sections, to secure for themselves affordable shelter through access to developed land, building materials, finance and technology.

(b) Since Housing is a State subject and most of the activity in the Housing sector is undertaken through the private and self-helf sectors, it is not possible to quantify the numbers of dwelling units which will be created or constructed during the period 1996-2001.

It has, however, been estimated that :

(a) there exists a housing backlog of 7.71 million dwelling units in urban areas;

(b) 8.87 million new dwelling units would be required in urban areas to meet the growth in demand the next five years; and

(c) 0.32 million kutcha dwelling units would require upgradation in urban areas.

The funds required for the above would be in excess of Rs.120,000 crores.

(c) Against the 8th Plan outlay of Rs.6377 crores for urban and rural housing, the actual expenditure upto March, 1995 on housing schemes both in Central and State sectors amounted to Rs.3074 crores. However, the quantum of private investment in the housing sector cannot be estimated.

Computerisation/Updating of Land Records

136. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for computerisation and updating of land records; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) Rs.1150.085 lakhs have been released to State Government of Uttar Pradesh for Updating of Land Records.

The Computerisation of land record is being taken up in 22 districts and funds to the tune of Rs.394 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for these projects.

The district-wise release of funds under computerisation of land records are given in the brackets after each district :-

(Rs. in lakhs)

(i) Deoria (25.00) (ii) Etawah (30.00) (iii) Agra (30.00) (iv) Moradabad (30.00) (v) Mainpuri (25.00) (vi) Allahabad (15.00) (vii) Aligarh (15.00) (viii) Bareilly (15.00) (ix) Gonda (15.00) (x) Hardoi (15.00) (xi) Nainital (14.00) (xii) Ghaziabad (15.00) (xiii) Unnao (15.00) (xiv) Varanasi (15.00) (xv) Barabanki (15.00) (xvi) Kanpur Dehat (15.00) (xvii) Jhansi (15.00) (xviii) Faizabad (15.00) (xix) Gorakpur (15.00) (xx) Lucknow (15.00) (xxi) Meerut (15.00) (xxii) Gharwal (15.00)

Exploration by ONGC

137. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the growing militancy in Tripura has affected exploration activities of the ONGC to a large extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost exploration in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The militant activities of various extremist groups such as All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF),